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Application of: Ruben et al.

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**Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

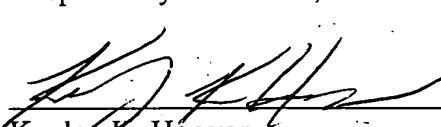
Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2000 for five (5) months from November 28, 2000 to and including March 28, 2001. Applicants point out that a continuation of the above-identified application is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-3425 in the amount of \$1,890.00 to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this submission, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-3425. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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